

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Proposal for diversion of 15.625 Ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV D/C Nizamabad – Yeddumailaram Transmission line at Nizamabad to the existing 400/220 KV SS of TSTRANSCO in favour of M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 15

Dated: 10-04-2018
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.387/2016/FCA-3, Dated:10.08.2016.
2. Govt. Letter No.3588/FOR.I (1)/2016, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. Dt.08.09.2016.
3. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai Lr.No. F.No.4-TSC022/2016-CHN/2023 ,Dt.14.10.2016.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.387/2015/FCA-3/PS, Dated:12.12.2017.
5. Govt. Letter No.3588/FOR.I (1)/2016, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dated:29.12.2017.
6. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, Lr.No. F.No.4-TSC022/2016-CHN/0069, dt.12.01.2018.

ORDER

In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 15.625 Ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV D/C Nizamabad – Yeddumailaram Transmission line at Nizamabad to the existing 400/220 KV SS of TSTRANSCO in favour of M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad.

2. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Chennai for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 15.625 Ha of forest land for erection of 400 KV D/C Nizamabad – Yeddumailaram Transmission line at Nizamabad to the existing 400/220 KV SS of TSTRANSCO in favour of M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at

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an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department before handing over of the forest land to the user agency from the funds which has already been deposited by the user agency;

- (iii) The compensatory afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified degraded forest land over 31.25 ha in Compt. No.585 & 586 of Khannapur RF, Kamareddy Range from the funds which has already been deposited by the user agency;
- (iv) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (v) Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
- (vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vii) The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
- (viii) User agency shall ensure that the labourers, staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna;
- (ix) State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line from the funds which has already been deposited by the user agency;
- (x) User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Kamareddy Division;
- (xi) User agency shall carry out mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion at the project cost;
- (xii) The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove;
- (xiii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xiv) The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to the normal level.
- (xv) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 15.625 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

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- (xvii) All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency;
 - (xviii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
 - (xix) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
 - (xx) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

M/s Maheshwaram Transmission Ltd., Hyderabad and User Agency
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